

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: ILO, NL  
SUBJECT: ILO: DUTCH PESSIMISM REGARDING U.S. RETURN

REF: STATE 207104

1. WE DISCUSSED CLC REVIEW WITH INTERNATIONAL  
SECRETARY FNV (ETTY), MFA OFFICIALS, INCLUDING  
DIRECTOR OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (TERWISSCHA  
VAN SCHELTINGA), AND MINISTRY OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS  
OFFICIAL WHO WAS A DUTCH DELEGATE TO THE ILO CONFERENCE (SOHNS),  
MAKING POINTS IN REFTEL AND PROVIDING ADVANCE COPY  
OF SECRETARY MARSHALL'S STATEMENT. EACH OFFICIAL  
EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION AT BEING INFORMED AND  
SAID THAT US VIEWS HAD BEEN ANTICIPATED. HOWEVER,  
WE ALSO HEARD EXPRESSIONS OF PESSIMISM ABOUT THE  
CHANCE OF SUFFICIENT CHANGES TAKING PLACE BY NEXT YEAR  
IN THE ILO TO PERMIT THE US TO REJOIN THE ORGANIZATION  
WITHOUT LOSS OF FACE. ETTY, FOR EXAMPLE, SAID THAT  
WE SHOULD NOT FORGET THAT MUCH HAD BEEN DONE AT THE  
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CONFERENCE THIS YEAR TO TRY TO ENCOURAGE THE US TO  
REJOIN AND THE LONGER THE US REMAINED OUT, THE  
HARDER IT WOULD BE TO RETURN.

2. SOHNS PREDICTED THAT SOME FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENTS  
MIGHT TAKE PLACE NEXT YEAR WHICH WOULD GO PART WAY IN MEETING  
US DESIRES, BUT NOT NEARLY AS FAR AS WE HOPED. HE MENTIONED

THE POSSIBILITY OF THE GOVERNING BODY ACCEPTING THE  
CRITICAL REPORT OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE ON CZECHOSLOVAKIA  
THIS FALL. HOWEVER, SOHNS NOTED, HE SAW NO CHANGE IN  
VOTING BLOCS WHICH WOULD NECESSARILY FAVOR US  
POSITIONS; FOR EXAMPLE THE LIBYAN-SYRIAN RESOLUTION ON  
ISRAEL WAS DEFEATED MAINLY BECAUSE OF POOR ARAB TACTICS.

3. COMMENT: IT IS CLEAR THAT THE DUTCH WOULD LIKE  
THE US TO REJOIN THE ILO AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WHILE THEY  
WILL COOPERATE AS PART OF IMEC TO HELP EASE THE WAY BACK  
FOR US, THERE SEEMS TO BE A GROWING RELUCTANCE TO  
SUPPORT ALL THE CHANGES WE DESIRE.  
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